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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : HEINRICH WALTER, et al.  
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Examiner : Timothy Meeks  
Docket No. : 038741.50233US  
Customer No. : 23911  
Title : PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CHROMIZING AN  
INNER SURFACE OF A COMPONENT

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 8, 2004, the Examiner's approval is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.